

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: **SYSTEM AND ARCHITECTURE  
FOR MANAGING DISTRIBUTED  
DESIGN CHAINS**

EXAMINER: FERGUSON, DENISE

ART UNIT: 3623

CONFIRMATION NO: 3841

**RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated August 16, 2007.

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper. This listing is not required because no claims have been amended, but is provided for convenience.

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